

**John Kirkpatrick to George Washington, August 25, 1756, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ESQ.**

FALMOUTH 25th. August 1756 —

DEAR SIR.

Thus far from Williamsburg and pretty much fatigued—On friday evening had the pleasure of receiving yours, and agreeable to your desire copied the Governor's, Delivered it, and would have Shown it to the Speaker had he not left the Town that forenoon—The Governor at that time told me [tho' I imagine he has since wrote you] that he had no Objections of any kind to your Attendance at Alexandria—& that he cou'd wish The Cherokees & Catawbis, who are on their way to You, were Arrived before you left Winchestr, as there is Some Ceremony in the Reception of Such Chaps—As to other particulars You'll be better informed from the Governors & Speakers Letters—vizt. the Deductions from the Soldiers being discontinued—the Settlement of Referr'd Accots:—The Office of Muster Master to be distinct from the Paymaster—The increase of Doctr. Craiks pay—& promise of Support in Medicines, so as he shall be no looser—The fitting & preparing a house w necessarys for the Sick—Reasonable Allowance at all ferrys, & a promise of Supporting You Genteelly in every Expençe you may be induced to in the Service—&c. &c. with other things that I can't inform you of —

You would learn by Capt. Cox that All your Accots. were pass'd & approved, & that transcribing the whole transaction would detain me 2 or 3 days after him—The Speaker

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gave me the Cash on Friday, Composed of Large Bills as usuall, his Appology he has no Doubt wrote you, on Saturday the Governor went to York, I finished the Accots. that Afternoon, left them w Mr. Palmer—& next Morning waited on the Govr. for his Dispatches to you—wc Consists of 2 letters—that Morning Mr: Boyd was to Settle an Accot. w his Honr. wc had been delay'd by the Govr. from day to day. & after all woud have nothing to say in it, tho' he had entertain'd Mr: Boyd w promises of Settling it, till at last referr'd him to the Comittee after they had Disolved for three days —

Out of the £5000, I have Disbursed these Sums following, I hope not Disagreeable to you —Vizt.

To Mr: Boyd Paymaster£215. 13— To Mr. ChaB: Dick his Acct. per Rect275. 13— To Finnie, Quales prenum5—— To J. Kirkpatrick in part of pay43.14. £540——

Cash per Mr. Boyd—335 Sheets a £12.—£4020—— 117 Sheets a £3. 15 ; & Loose Bills 25/. in all 4.40 4460.—— £5000——

Lt: Walter Stewart Sent me the inclosed List of Workers on the Roads, thro' mistake I fancy—There is nothing of news to inform You,—I inclose the Gazette—A Barren piece—Everybody is in Suspence about Minorca, So uncertain are all accounts—tho' wishing for Confirmation to Capt. Browns —

Mr: Boyd sets out to day for Winchester, and I, under favour of your kind indulgence, Bend towards Alexandria, where a few days recess, I hope will serve my purpose—& then make my best Dispatch to Attend you—I send a Lock for the Letter Box—better than the former —please acquaint Capt. Mercer I brou' up his horse from Capt. Dansies—in good Order & Sent him to his Fathers per his Brother James —

I am w unfeign'd Esteem DeSir Your Most Obedient & Much Oblig'd Hum servt JNO.  
KIRKPATRICK

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To Receive from Mr. Boyd<sup>1</sup>—vizt. The Leger—The Receipt book — a Bundle of Accots.  
Recets. & Capt. Hogs papers—4 Letters for Yourself — 2 qrs. Gilt paper for Cap Stewart  
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1 A memorandum for Washington of what he was to receive from Mr. Boyd, the paymaster.